

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Previously Presented) Apparatus for the contained inspection and transportation of a suspicious object, the apparatus comprising:

an inspection unit, the inspection unit including a lid section and a base section, the inspection unit able to open to receive the object and then close to provide a sealed airtight environment for manual inspection of the object, the lid section and the base section being rigid, the lid section including supporting sides and a transparent top surface positioned above the base section, the supporting sides including at least one glove member, the inspection unit further including a seal disposed below the at least one glove member and between the supporting sides and the base section when the inspection unit is closed so as to provide the sealed airtight environment; and

a transportation unit, the transportation unit including at least a first section and a second section able to open to wholly receive the inspection unit and then close to provide a further sealed airtight environment containing the inspection unit, the first section and the second section of the transportation unit being rigid.

2. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein at least one of the supporting sides is transparent.

3. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein at least a portion of the base section of the inspection unit is opaque, preferably of a dark colour.

4. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the object is an envelope, mail, package, parcel, letter or the like.

5. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the lid section and the base section of the inspection unit are adapted to be clamped or latched together.

6. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as claimed in claim 5, wherein the lid section and the base section of the inspection unit are hinged together.

7. (Canceled)

8. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the transportation unit can generally be lifted and moved by a single person.

9. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the user can visually inspect the object in the inspection unit.

10. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein two glove members are provided.

11. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the first section and the second section of the transportation unit are adapted to be clamped together.

12. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as claimed in claim 11, wherein the first section and the second section of the transportation unit each including corresponding faces which when in contact provide two independent airtight seals between the external environment and the further sealed airtight environment containing the inspection unit.

13. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as claimed in claim 11, wherein the first section of the transportation unit is a lid section and the second section of the transportation unit is a body section or a base section.

14. (Original) The apparatus as claimed in claim 13, wherein the lid section and the body section or base section of the transportation unit are adapted to be press-sealed together.

15. (Canceled)

16. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the inspection unit also includes integrated magnifying means in the lid section.

17. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the transportation unit includes internal padding or shock absorbing material.

18. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein closure of the transportation unit securely holds the inspection unit placed therein.

19. (Previously Presented) Device for the contained inspection and safe transportation for further examination of received suspicious mail, the device comprising:

a rigid inspection unit that is able to open to receive the suspicious mail and then close to provide a sealed airtight environment, the inspection unit including a lid section and a base section which are adapted to provide the sealed airtight environment allowing a user to visually inspect the suspicious mail placed in the inspection unit, the lid section including supporting sides and a transparent top surface located above the base section, the supporting sides including at least one glove member, the inspection unit further including a seal disposed below the at least one glove member and between the supporting sides and the base section when the inspection unit is closed so as to provide the sealed airtight environment; and

a rigid transportation unit adapted to wholly receive and secure the inspection unit after user inspection of the mail and to provide a further sealed airtight environment and physical protection for the inspection unit during transportation.

20. (Canceled)

21. (Previously presented) The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the inspection unit is provided with a sealable port to receive a probe.
22. (Previously presented) The apparatus as claimed in claim 21, wherein the inspection unit is provided with a further sealable inspection port having a diameter substantially larger than the sealable port.
23. (Canceled)
24. (Canceled)
25. (Canceled)
26. (Previously Presented) The device as claimed in claim 19, wherein at least one of the supporting sides is transparent.